

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Under 37 CFR § 1.63; includes reference to PCT International Applications)

Atty. Docket no.: 52201-611

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled BLANK FOR AN OPTICAL MEMBER AS WELL AS VESSEL AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, the specification of which was filed on November 28, 2001 as United States patent application Serial No. 09/997,222.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International applications designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s):			Priority Claimed:	
Country (or PCT)	Application Number:	Filed (Day/Month/Year)	Yes	No
Japan	2000-365349	30/November /2000	X	
Germany	101 42 893.6	3/September/2001	X	

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Prior U.S. (or U.S.-designating PCT) Application(s):			
U.S. Serial No.:	Filed (Day/Month/Year)	PCT Application No.	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint Andrew L. Tiajloff, Esq., Registration No. 31,575, or his duly appointed associate, my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and specify that all communications about the application are to be directed to the following correspondence address:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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